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## ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT OF THE PORT INDUSTRIAL LANDS AND EAST BAYFRONT OF THE TORONTO WATERFRONT

TORONTO, December 11, 1989 .... The Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront today announced the commencement of the Environmental Audit of the Port Industrial Lands and East Bayfront. This area is subject to a declaration of provincial interest under the Planning Act to ensure that development options are maintained until thorough studies are completed and reviewed. The audit will be managed by a steering committee made up of officials from the Federal, Provincial and Metropolitan Toronto governments, as well as, consultants from the private sector.

The environmental audit is financed by the Governments of Canada and Ontario. Both levels of government recognise the importance of environmental considerations into planning decisions and have pledged technical and other assistance from their respective agencies. The Royal Commission will coordinate the study and report back to the federal, provincial and local governments.

The purpose of the audit is to undertake a scientific and technical analysis of the environmental conditions in the area of provincial interest in order to provide a firm basis for future land use decisions. The aspects of the environment to be studied include air, water, soils, noise, natural heritage and built heritage.

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Phase 1 of the environmental audit will consist of a review of the site history, available reports, monitoring data and other sources to compile existing information, identify data gaps, and examine current environmental standards. Initial data collection of soils and air quality will be commenced. The results will be presented in a Phase 1 report to be released at the end of February. Phase 2 of the audit will consist of further research to provide environmental baseline data to fill the gaps identified in Phase 1. It will culminate in a final report.

Public hearings will be undertaken during both phases of the audit. This will provide opportunities for expressions of opinion from representatives of industry, governments and agencies, labour, landowners, residents, environmentalists, naturalists, sports groups and others. Private landholders will be asked to participate in the study by sharing relevant information. A panel of experts will be established to provide peer review of the audit.





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